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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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INTEGRATED BLOOD HANDLING SYSTEM HAVING
ACTIVE GAS REMOVAL SYSTEM
AND METHODS OF USE

the specification of which

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☒ was filed on February 9, 2001 as
Application Serial No. 09/780,923
and was amended on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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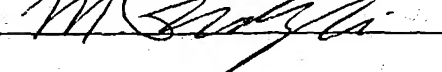
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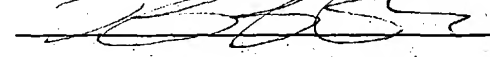
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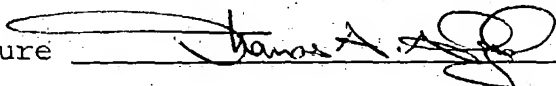
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